

St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church

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**Twelfth Sunday of Matthew
Sunday, August 30, 2020
Orthros: 9:00 a.m.**

Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

**Reverend Protopresbyter Anthony Savas
Reverend Father Elias Koucos, Retired
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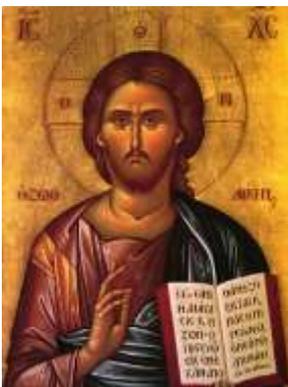
Epistle Reading: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 5:1-11

Prokeimenon. Mode 3 Psalm 46

*Sing praises to God; sing praises; sing praises to our King; sing praises.
Verse: Oh, clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with the voice
of rejoicing.*



Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast - unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.



Gospel Reading: The Gospel According to Matthew 19:16-26

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you call me good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep

the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Response to First Antiphon

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Saviour, save us. (4)
(Liturgy Book page 25)

Response to Second Antiphon

Save us, O Holy Comforter, save us who sing to you: Alleluia (4)
(Liturgy Book page 29)

Response to Third Antiphon

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord has shown the mighty power of His arm. He has trampled down death by death, becoming the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell and has granted to all the world His great mercy. (Liturgy Book page 107)

Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who rose from the dead, save us sing to You: Alleluia.
(Liturgy Book page 37)

Resurrectional Apolytikion

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For the Forerunner

The memory of the just is observed with hymns of praise; for you suffices the testimony of the Lord, O Forerunner. You have proved to be truly more ven'erable than the Prophets, since you were granted to baptize in the river the One whom they proclaimed. Therefore, when for the truth you had contested, rejoicing, to those in Hades you preached the Gospel, that God was manifested in the flesh, and takes away the sin of the world, and grants to us the great mercy.

Apolytikion of the Parish Church

O God-minded Anna, you bore the pure Mother of God, the one who within her conceived the Conceiver of life itself. You were therefore transported to a place now in heaven. Joyful ones all reside there in the home of all gladness, asking for the forgiveness for those who honor you, O blessed one.

Kontakion

Your holy birth delivered Joachim and Anna from the reproach of childlessness and liberated Adam and Eve from death's corruption, O Pure One. Thus freed from the stain of sin, we your people honor your birth, crying out to you: A woman thought barren brings forth the Theotokos who nourishes Christ our life. (Liturgy Book page 229)

Trisagion Hymn

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3)
(Liturgy Book page 39)

Megalynarion (Hymn for the Theotokos)

It is truly right to call you blessed O Theotokos, ever blessed, most pure and the mother, the mother of our God. More hon'orable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim. In virginity you gave birth to God, to God the word. Truly the Theotokos, we magnify you, we magnify you. (Liturgy Book page 69)

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him, praise Him in the highest (3). Alleluia (Liturgy Book page 83)

Hymn after Communion

We have seen the true light; we have received the heav'nly spirit; we have found the true faith, worshipping the undivided Trinity, the Trinity who has saved us. (Liturgy Book page 87)

Dismissal Hymn

Lord, grant long life to him who blesses us and sanctifies us. (Liturgy Book page 95)

Orthodox Saints: For Saints of the Day, please visit the parish website at https://stannagocutah.org/?page_id=4529, or the parish Facebook page.

Memorial Services:

To schedule a memorial service, please contact Fr. Anthony **at** franthony@stannagocutah.org or 801-824-3987.

PARISH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reduced Interest on Building Acquisition Loan: With interest rates dropping, the Parish Council approached First Utah Bank to see if we could reduce the interest rate on the loan we took to purchase our building last October, and First Utah Bank agreed to

lower our rate from 5% to 4.62%. As a result of the reduced interest rate, we will save approximately \$378 per month on our mortgage payments. This will result in an annual savings of approximately \$4,500, with total savings of almost \$35,000 over the term of the loan. First Utah Bank also graciously agreed to waive all fees and costs associated with the transaction. First Utah Bank has proven to be a wonderful partner for our parish, and we appreciate their support!

New Way to Pay Your Stewardship and Other Church Donations: The Parish Council is excited to announce that stewardship and other donations to St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church can now be quickly and easily made via text message using GIVE+ Text, a text donation platform offered through Vanco, our online donation partner.

To make your first donation to St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church via text message, follow these four simple steps:

1. Send a text message to 844-936-2414 (St. Anna's dedicated Give+ Text number), stating the amount you would like to donate followed by the account code in the body of the text, using the following format: \$xx 0x. The available account codes are as follows:

- 01-Stewardship
- 02-Altar & Benevolence
- 03-Building Fund
- 04-Miscellaneous giving
- 05-Candles-Pangari
- 06-Candles-Vigil

2. You will receive a return text message containing a link for you to complete your donation.

3. Click on the link in the return text to enter your name, address and credit card information and register yourself as a Give+ Text user.

4. You will receive another text message confirming your donation.

Future text donations are even easier! All you have to do is text the amount you want to donate followed by the applicable account code (\$xx 0x) to 844-936-2414 (St. Anna's dedicated Give+ Text number). The credit card entered at the time of your initial registration will be charged your donation amount, and you will receive a confirming text message.

Further information on the Give+ Text donation platform can be found through the following video tutorials available on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4tgrZk6fEy4&feature=youtu.be>

If you have any questions, please contact our Assistant Treasurer, Nick Daskalas, at treasurer@stannagocutah.org or 801-633-2607.

Parish Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held, Monday, September 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Anthony is beginning discussions with ministry leaders to get classes, Bible Studies and Virtual Fellowship Times up as soon as possible. We will continue to explore all possible avenues to keep us connected as a family of faith.

ADULT AND FAMILY MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Outreach Program Calls

The Parish Outreach calls are currently being made to every St. Anna family. If you haven't already been contacted, please expect to receive a call in the next few days. A heartfelt thank you to the Ministry Leaders, Service Coordinators and Volunteer Callers for your commitment to keeping our Church community connected. Stay well and God bless. Service Ministry Team

COMMUNICATION MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin Announcements: Our next weekly bulletin will be published for Sunday September 6, 2020. Please send requested bulletin announcements to Elaine Peterson at layniep53@comcast.net no later than *Tuesday, September 1, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.*

Parish Mobile App: The St. Anna mobile app is available through the Apple App Store at www.itunes.apple.com/us/app/st.-anna-greek-orthodox-church/id1140666277?ls=1&mt=8 and through Google Play at www.play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.conduit.app_fa0fc07216b24e93b1993aa947209c07.app

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Candle Lighting and Donations: As we navigate through these difficult times, we invite all faithful to remotely light a candle and offer a prayer. Fr. Anthony will light as many narthex and vigil (7-day) candles as you would like to request. To make a request, simply email Fr. Anthony at franthony@stannagocutah.org specifying the number and type of candles you would like to have lit, providing the name(s) you would like to have read for each candle. You can also call Fr. Anthony at 801-824-3987 to make your request and provide your name(s).

To make a donation for the candles requested, simply click on the link below to access our online donation page. On the line for "Other Donations" insert the amount you wish to donate and type "Candle Donations" in the adjacent comment box. Donations can also be mailed via check addressed to:

Donations can also be mailed via check to St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church, P.O. Box 171224, Holladay, Utah 84117.

May God continue to bless and protect all people of the world as we navigate through these challenging times.

Message from Peter Yannias,
Stewardship Ministry Team Chair:

“It is by offering our blessings back to God that He will be able to continue His forgiving, healing, liberating, empowering, transfiguring, loving ministry through the Church. For God, Infinite though He is, has chosen to work through us, through our gifts, to continue His saving work in the world today.” - Fr. Anthony M. Coniaris

As stewardship chairman I am asking each of you to please be vigilant in your stewardship commitment to our beautiful new St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church. Though we are not attending service as we would normally, we need everyone, if possible, to not delay in honoring their financial commitment to our parish so that the parish can continue to honor its financial commitments. Stewardship payments may be sent by check via mail to St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church, P.O. Box 171224, Holladay, Utah 84117. Stewardship payments may also be made online through the parish website by visiting **https://stannagocutah.org/?page_id=2666** and clicking on the **"Donate Now" button.**

If you have not yet completed your 2020 stewardship commitment card, now is the critical time to do so. Visit https://stannagocutah.org/?page_id=21 to access the St. Anna 2020 Stewardship commitment card on our website. The Stewardship page on the St. Anna website also discusses different options for submitting your stewardship payments.

You might consider making any offerings you would otherwise make at the pangari for candles, etc. by check via mail to St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church, P.O. Box 171224, Holladay, Utah 84117, or online by visiting **https://stannagocutah.org/?page_id=2666** and clicking on the **"Donate Now" button.**

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stock Donations: Our parish is now set up to receive marketable securities donations. Such donations will be received and handled

in accordance with the financial policies adopted by the Parish Assembly. Please contact Parish Council Treasurer Dmitri Smirnov at treasurer@stannagocutah.org for further details.

STEWARDSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

2020 Stewardship Update: As of August 26, 2020, we are at \$296,010; 87% of our goal of \$340,000! A great start but we are not quite there. Please do your part to help us achieve our budgeted goal! Bring your completed Stewardship Commitment Card to church this Sunday or mail it to PO Box 171224, Holladay, Utah 84117.

Our Stewardship Ministry Team, Parish Council, and Clergy are thankful for your dedication to the ongoing well-being of our St. Anna parish. Stewardship, as you well know, is the absolute life-blood of our community's financial health. We do not hold outside fundraisers, pass trays, or make seasonal appeals so that we can pay our operational expenses. To God's glory, and to your credit, we sustain primarily through Stewardship and the sustained giving of our contributors.

PRAYER LIST

Alexander, Angela, Anna, Athena, Christy, Debbie, Don, Fotini, Gary, George, Laurie, Luke, Lydia, Nicolay, Nicole, Nina, Pavel, Steve, Theodore, and Weston.

PARISH CALENDAR

Visit www.stannagocutah.org/?page_id=1663 to obtain an electronic copy of the parish calendar.

ST. ANNA CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (SACC) UPDATE

Dear

Parishioners and Friends of St. Anna,

St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church

Giving Grid



Buy a Square...Answer Our Prayer!

On behalf of the Capital Campaign Ministry, we hope and pray everyone is doing well and staying safe during this trying time.

At this time of social distancing, we are reminded of the wonderful annual activities our parish has enjoyed in the past few years, including the Golf Tournament, Tables Extraordinaire, and St. Anna's Name Day Picnic. These events have been remarkably successful and have been critical components of helping us build our community, our programs, and our physical buildings, all in service to our Lord. Regrettably, this year, the pandemic has resulted in cancellation of these important events. As a result, we have searched for an alternative to raise funds for our parish.

Thankfully, we have a solution! We are launching an innovative, fun, and easy virtual online fundraiser called the "St. Anna Giving Grid."

The St. Anna Giving Grid (www.givinggrid.com/stanna) is an online grid of five hundred squares, each with a dollar amount from \$1 to \$500 per square and every amount in between (in other words, there is a \$1 square, \$2 square, \$3 square, all the way to the \$500 square). You have the opportunity to purchase any available square (or multiple squares). The wonderful feature of

the St. Anna Giving Grid is that, because there are opportunities to donate a broad range of amounts, everyone (and we mean *everyone*) can participate!

When you purchase a square, you can upload your name and a photo, which will appear in place of the square you purchased, along with your name. Each square will become part of our Giving Grid. Our goal is to fill the entire grid with the beautiful faces of St. Anna parishioners and friends of St. Anna.

As you prayerfully decide which square (or squares) to purchase, and to maximize the success of our campaign, we encourage you to:

- Remember the amounts you and your family may have otherwise donated in the course of participating in the Golf Tournament, Tables Extraordinaire, and the Parish Name Day Picnic, and consider making a comparable donation
- Involve our youth by encouraging them to purchase a square—remember, there are squares which can be purchased for as little as \$1, \$2, \$3, so everyone can participate
- Share the Giving Grid on social media (the Giving Grid has a button which allows you to share on your social media account)
- Share the Giving Grid link with friends and family outside of our parish
- Explore the photos and videos we have uploaded to the Giving Grid site, which contain beautiful pictures from our community activities

St. Anna's Giving Grid will be launched Sunday, August 2, 2020 and will be open through August 31, 2020.

Remember to *Buy a Square... Answer Our Prayer!*

Further details on participating are above. If you have any questions or would like to make an offline donation (including by check), please contact givinggrid@stannagocutah.org, or you can contact me at 801- 694-9019.

Although we are physically distanced, our beautiful St. Anna parish has always met our challenges by opening our hearts to ensure that our community continues to flourish.

Nick E. Varanakis
Capital Campaign Ministry

August 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Twelfth Sunday of Matthew 9:00 am Orthros/ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy Limited Live Worship with Social Distancing and Facemasks	31					

September 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Divine Liturgy for Seniors and High Risk 9:00 am Divine Liturgy Limited Live Worship with Social Distancing	2	3 Paraklesis to the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary 7:00 pm Limited Live Worship with Social Distancing and	4	5 Great Vespers 5:00 pm Live Stream Only

		and Facemasks		Facemasks		
6 Thirteenth Sunday of Matthew 9:00 am Orthros/ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy Limited Live Worship with Social Distancing and Facemasks	7	8 Divine Liturgy for Seniors and High Risk 9:00 am Divine Liturgy Limited Live Worship with Social Distancing and Facemasks	9	10 Paraklesis to the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary 7:00 pm Limited Live Worship with Social Distancing and Facemasks	11	12 Great Vespers 5:00 pm Live Stream Only
13 Sunday before Holy Cross 9:00 am Orthros/ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy Limited Live Worship with Social Distancing and Facemasks	14 The Universal Elevation of the Cross 8:00 am Orthros/ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy Limited Live Worship with Social Distancing and Facemasks	15 Divine Liturgy for Seniors and High Risk 9:00 am Divine Liturgy Limited Live Worship with Social Distancing and Facemasks	16	17 Paraklesis to the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary 7:00 pm Limited Live Worship with Social Distancing and Facemasks	18	19 Great Vespers 5:00 pm Live Stream Only
20 Sunday after Holy Cross 9:00 am Orthros/ 10:00 am Divine Liturgy Limited Live Worship with Social Distancing and Facemasks	21 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm	22 Divine Liturgy for Seniors and High Risk 9:00 am Divine Liturgy Limited Live Worship with Social Distancing and Facemasks	23	24 Paraklesis Service to St. Anna, Mother of the Theotokos 7:00 pm Limited Live Worship with Social Distancing and Facemasks	25	26 Great Vespers 5:00 pm Live Stream Only

The St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine

Celebrating the Feast of Indiction and the Protection of the
Environment

**Webinar in Honor of the Protection of the Environment
Featuring Rev. Dr. John Chryssavgis & Dr. Lee Ann Clements**

Covid-19 and the Renewal of the Earth

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

7 – 8 PM (EST)

The Saint Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine, located in Saint Augustine, Florida, is delighted to present a special webinar presentation with Rev. Dr. John Chryssavgis and Dr. Lee Ann Clements entitled “Covid-19 and the Renewal of the Earth,” on Tuesday, September 1, 2020, the Feast of the Indiction. The event is hosted online by The Department of Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. The free broadcast will be live-streamed and open to all (pre-registration required). Registration for the live event may be completed at

https://goarch.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LjdoDIFnR-a9l8sqX9R10w. Participants will be able to ask questions. For those who miss the live broadcast, the Shrine will archive this unique event on its website and Facebook page.

The webinar is part of a dual observance shared between the Saint Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saint Augustine. Both Orthodox Christians and Roman Catholics observe the day as a special remembrance of Creation and for the Protection of the Environment.



Rev. Dr. John Chryssavgis is an author and theologian serving as Archdeacon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and theological advisor to the Ecumenical Patriarch. He is a clergyman of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Born in Australia, he graduated from Athens University and Oxford University. His publications focus on medieval theology, as well as on the history of the Eastern Church. His interests embrace the areas of spirituality

and ecology. He co-founded St Andrew’s Theological College in Sydney, where he also taught at the University of Sydney. In 1995, he was appointed Professor of Theology at Holy Cross School of

Theology and directed the Religious Studies Program at Hellenic College. He has published over thirty books and numerous articles in several languages. His book *Creation as Sacrament: Reflections on ecology and spirituality* was published in 2019 by Bloomsbury. He lives in Maine.



Lee Ann J. Clements, PhD is the Chair of the Committee on Integral Ecology for the Diocese of St Augustine. She earned her BA in Biology from the University of Virginia, and her MS and PhD in Marine Science from the University of South Carolina. She is a Professor of Biology and Marine Science at Jacksonville University, and during her 32-year career has served as Chair of the Division of Science and Mathematics, Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Associate Provost, and now as

Director of Academic Integrity. Dr. Clements has taught numerous students in courses such as Introduction to Marine Science, Biological Oceanography, Oral Communications in the Biological Sciences, and Physiological Ecology. She served on the boards of the National Conferences for Undergraduate Research (NCUR), and the Jacksonville Museum of Science and History (MOSH). Her research interests center around adaptations of marine organisms to changing environmental conditions. She has long been an advocate for science communication, informal education about the environment, and protecting our natural world.

Environmental concerns of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople.

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople has gained a reputation as a prominent environmentalist, putting the support of the Patriarchate behind various international environmental causes.

His work throughout the years has earned him the nickname “the Green Patriarch.”



Since 1989, the Ecumenical Patriarch has invited Orthodox Christians throughout the world to reserve September 1 the ecclesiastical New Year, as a day of prayer for environmental protection. Numerous Christian communions have followed suit, encouraged by the World Council of Churches and the Conference of European Churches. In August of 2015, Pope Francis announced plans to mark a day of prayer as well, saying he was calling on Roman

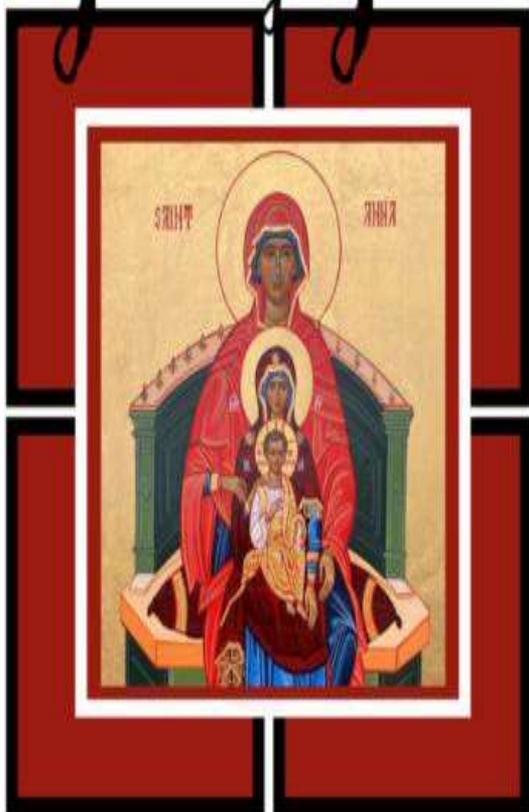
Catholics to follow the lead of the Patriarch of Constantinople and Orthodox Christians in observing September 1 as a day of prayer for environmental protection.

On Monday, August 31, beginning at 6:30 PM Eastern Time and live-streamed (here <https://www.facebook.com/SaintPhotios/>) the St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine will hold the first of what is planned to be an new annual event; the service of Great Vespers for the Feast of the Indiction and Protection of the Environment, with His Grace, Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos, presiding. This special service was composed by the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.

Don't forget to purchase a square!

Information above

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